

# GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET

## CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2003 AGENDA

Item No. W-4

<b>TITLE:</b> Request by <b>Las Virgenes Unified School District</b> to waive <i>Education Code (EC)</i> Section 37202, equity length of time requirement to allow a full day kindergarten program at <b>Sumac School</b> .	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>INFORMATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>CONSENT</b>
<b>CDSIS:</b> 37-6-2003	

### RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends approval of this waiver for one year with the condition that the district provide an evaluation of the full day kindergarten program before a renewal is considered.

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### Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

The State Board of Education has approved similar waivers in the past.

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### Summary of Key Issue(s):

The **Las Virgenes Unified School District** is requesting a waiver of EC Section 37202, the equity length of time requirement, in order to institute a full-day kindergarten program at one of their eight elementary schools, **Sumac Elementary**. Las Virgenes Unified is requesting to increase the kindergarten instructional time in order to increase student achievement for these Title I students. The district has used current research to help them reach this conclusion and the fact that with the high stakes testing beginning in the second grade, children cannot afford to fall behind. The district also has a transfer policy to allow parents that want their children to attend one of the extended day kindergartens to be able to do so. The local board has passed a resolution to support the full day kindergarten pilot, according to EC Sections 8970-8974 and the district will provide an integrated age appropriate curriculum. School staff recognize that kindergarteners often leave the classroom to spend time at child care and find it more reasonable to offer more time in the classroom where the kindergarteners can receive quality instruction. More time in the classroom will enhance their school experience because the teachers will be able to spend more time with enrichment activities as well as covering all of the expected curriculum.

Therefore, the department recommends approval of this waiver for one year with the condition that the district provide an evaluation of the full day kindergarten before a renewal is considered.

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Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: 04/30/03

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

☐

Neutral

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Support

☐

Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: Arleigh Kidd

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

☒ posting in a newspaper   ☒ posting at each school   ☒ other (specify) Public  
Library, City Hall & Adult Education Site

Public hearing held on: June 03 & 24, 2003

Local board approval date: June 03 & 24, 2003

Advisory committee(s) consulted: All

Objections raised (choose one):   ☒ None   ☐ Objections are attached on  
separate sheet

Date consulted: various dates

Effective dates of request: 08/27/03 – 06/10/04

**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):**

No impact.

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**Background Information:**

Waiver request forms and supporting documents are attached to this summary.